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Dear Ted,

I've just received two undated clippings from the N.O.Times-Picayune, copies enclosed. One says that Garrison had been hospitalized for about two weeks, beginning July 9. It has a picture of him in which he looks terrible, to be deathly sick. That picture was taken only a few days after you told me he was fine, that you'd been in touch with him and he'd told you that he'd had pneumonia but had gotten over it.

I'd asked you how he is because I'd received an unconfirmed report that he has cancer.

Your misrepresentation brings into question several other things I think you should explain but frankly do not expect you to.

When I'd asked you how Jim is you'd phoned to offer me alleged tapes of Will Fritz's questioning of Oswald. You then told me that only I among critics could use them most effectively. You also claimed not to remember whether or not we'd spoken about those tapes before when in fact beginning when you said you were in Michigan listening to them we'd had a number of conversations about them when you phoned me to discuss them. Among other things this made me wonder whether or not you were up to some kind of trick but remembering also that you'd been seriously ill I did not assume that you had to be up to something. I then wrote you and said that before I'd do anything I'd have to have their genuineness confirmed. When I heard nothing I wrote you again and again you did not respond. This does suggest that either on your own or on behalf of someone else you were trying to booby-trap me. I believe that if you knew those tapes were valid you'd not be sitting on them or offering their use to anyone else.

The last time we spoke I reminded you that you'd told me before Garrison's book appeared that he'd told you he'd send you 20 copies and from them you were to send me one. I then wondered why he did not have the publisher do that, but no matter. You must have told me 20 times that you were about to send me a copy, once that Anite forgot to mail it, and you never sent it. The last time you phoned I reminded you, you said you'd send me one of the four you have, and didn't. Because as Jim knows publishers do send copies for authors I believed Jim in fact did not want me to have a copy and your behavior confirmed that belief. Then I was loaned a copy, read it, and knew very well that Jim did not want me to read it or say anything about it. I was involved in some things about which you know nothing but Jim knows very well. He lies about them in the book. What he was not about to tell you is that I saved him several times from worse disaster than he sufferrd.

I do not expect you to believe it and I'm not going to take any time to prove it to you but he was going to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the JFK assassination by,

among other things, charging Robert Perrin, who had killed himself in New Orleans in 1962, with being a 1963 Grassy Knoll assassin. This is why he fired Boxley, who had gone out and made up "proof" for him. I have copies of the work I did and of some of the investigations made for me by his own staff investigators that he should have had them make and didn't because he knew very well that he'd made the whole thing up.

That time, with the Shaw case before the Supreme Court, one of his staff lawyers told me, whether or not it is true, that I'd saved Jim from being disbarred by the Supreme Court.

If I had ever intended doing Jim any harm do you thinks I'd have been silent about this, about what goes with it, and about other such incredible adventures that would have done legitimate criticism of the assassination investigations so much harm?

What Jim made up himself he blamed on the CIA. He said it had infiltrated Boxley onto his staff do do this kind of thing to him. In fact Jim personally hired Boxley over the strong objections of his assistants. I have the memos on it, so you can believe me or not.

So, if you have any self-respect or personal honesty, you will explain yourself.

If you do not, then the record, as lawyers say, will speak for itself.

Sincerely,

Harold

Harold Weisberg